

# **WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL PRESS RELEASE**



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### **FESTIVAL PERFORMERS TO VISIT AREA SCHOOLS Performers from Alaska to Newfoundland will Entertain, Educate**

**New Bedford, MA, September 16, 2010**— Performers from Alaska to Newfoundland will be spending time in area schools on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> ahead of their performances at the 2010 Working Waterfront Festival. Thanks to funding from the **Target Foundation** and **Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation**, the Working Waterfront Festival will be presenting festival performers in six area schools serving approximately 1000 students.

Alaskan fisherpoets **Moe Bowstern** and **Dave Densmore** and songwriter **Jon Campbell** of Pt. Judith, RI will share original poetry and songs about commercial fishing and the sea with high school students at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and New Bedford High School. Much like cowboy poetry, fisherpoetry is written by working fishermen about their lives and experiences.

**Jim Payne** and **Fergus O’Byrne**, two of Newfoundland’s most respected musicians will present traditional music from the Atlantic Maritimes for students at Keith Middle School Their repertoire includes rousing sea shanties and work songs, poignant ballads, comic ditties, folk tales and recitations, and toe-tapping jigs, reels and polkas on a variety of instruments. Local ties to Newfoundland are strong; many New England fishermen trace their roots to Newfoundland and Schooner Ernestina once an Arctic Explorer was captained by Newfoundland’s Bob Bartlett.

**Jeff Warner**, song collector and folklorist will share traditional American music with students at Global Learning Charter Public School and Our Sisters School in New Bedford and at Quinn Elementary School in Dartmouth.

The **Working Waterfront Festival** is a project of the **Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA**, a non-profit organization. The FREE festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Navigate to us at [www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org).